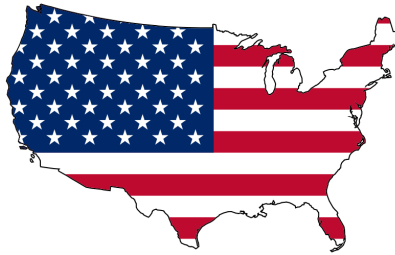


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President Obama says the United States accepts its global responsibilities, but others cannot “wait for America to solve the world’s problems alone.” He calls for a new era of engagement to confront nuclear proliferation, climate change, conflict and economic crisis. ...

2. [UN Security Council Commits to Global Nuclear Disarmament](#)

The U.N. Security Council unanimously commits to work for a world free of nuclear weapons. Meeting in a special session, the 15-member council adopts a framework, offered by the United States, to guide nations in halting the spread of nuclear weapons and reducing global nuclear dangers. ...

3. [Clinton Hails UN Resolution to Protect Women Against Violence](#)

Violence against women is not cultural but criminal, says Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, and she hails the U.N. Security Council’s unanimous decision to adopt a resolution to protect women in conflict situations. ...

4. [Universities Work Toward Open Access to Research](#)

Five top U.S. research universities sign a compact that is expected to make the latest scholarship even more readily available worldwide. The compact commits the universities to providing funds for faculty to publish in “open-access” journals, many of which charge authors a fee for publication. ...

5. [An Overview of US Holidays](#)

Nations and religious denominations set aside a number of days to commemorate special events, persons or public occasions. These holidays typically are marked by a general suspension of work and business activity, and by public and/or religious ceremonies. Learn about U.S. holidays. ...

6. [Celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month](#)

Hispanic Heritage Month honors the diverse people of Spanish-speaking backgrounds in the United States. From September 15 to October 15, a multitude of special programs, events, exhibits and Web sites celebrate the heritage, culture, spirit and extraordinary contributions of Hispanic Americans. ...

In case you missed it:

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Mrs. Solveig Reeker receiving an award from Dana Stojkova for her contribution to the fight against breast cancer in Macedonia. / (LP).

AVON Conference for Breast Cancer Awareness

October 1, 2009

Mrs. Solveig Reeker gave opening remarks at the Second Annual AVON Breast Cancer Awareness Conference. Mrs. Reeker discussed the American commitment to fighting breast cancer, highlighting the work of the Susan G. Komen Foundation and the first ever appointment of a State Department Ambassador-At-Large for Women's Issues, Melanne Verveer. Mrs. Reeker also praised the efforts of organizations engaged in the fight against breast cancer in

Macedonia and the work of the conference's honored guests, Minister of Health Bujar Osmani, Biba Dodeva of BORKA, Vera Zlateva of the Women's Organization of Sveti Nikole and Dana Stojkova of AVON.

- ◆ **To read Mrs. Solveig Reeker's remarks, please [click here](#).**
- ◆ **To see more photos from the event please [click here](#).**



Embassy Consular Officer Lauren May presents to the media the two official State Department Web sites for the 2011 Diversity Visa Program. / (LP)

Don't Be Taken in by Visa Scams

2011 Diversity Visa Lottery Program (DV-2011)

October 2, 2009

Consul Lauren May sat down with Alsat and Sitel to warn Macedonian citizens about scams regarding the Diversity Visa Lottery Program. Ms. May emphasized that the process is free and that no one should pay a fee to enter the lottery. She also discussed the education requirement for those who enter the lottery and explained the application process.

- ◆ **To learn more about the Diversity Visa Lottery (DV), please [click here](#).**
- ◆ **The official Diversity visa lottery page is: <http://www.dvlottery.state.gov/>.**



Youth Exchange & Study

YES-Youth Exchange and Study Program for secondary school students

We are pleased to announce the second year of the YES program for secondary school students. This exchange program is fully funded by the U.S. government and is administered with the support of the Ministry of Education of Macedonia. The program, offered for the second time in Macedonia, offers the opportunity for students to live with an American family and study in an American school for the 2010 academic year for free. Participation in the competition is also free. ...[more](#).



Santhosh Daniel (GFI) gives a talk on film funding for independent productions at the American Corner Bitola. / (LP)

The Manaki Flim Festival: Bitola Once Again the Center of World Cinematography

September 26, 2009

The 30th Anniversary Manaki Brothers Film Festival opened in Bitola on Saturday, September 26th. The Festival brings together cinematographers and directors from around the world, focusing on achievements in cinematography. The US Embassy supported this year's festival by bringing two American speakers – Linda Delibero of Johns Hopkins University and Santhoshi Daniel of the Global Film Initiative – to give presentations at the American Corner Bitola and at State University of Tetovo, thus enriching the festival program and the field of film education.



(L-R), Tetovo Library Director Fitore Rushiti, Vice Prime Minister Abdilaqim Ademi, House of Culture Director Haki Fazliu, APAO John Surface. / (LP)

Tetovo House of Culture Roof Reconstruction Ceremony

September 25, 2009

On Friday, September 25, APAO John Surface, attended the ceremony to mark completion of the reconstruction of the roof at the House of Culture in Tetovo. The project was funded by the Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Macedonia. The House of Culture plays host to public cultural events for all of the ethnic communities of the region and is also home to the Embassy's American Corner. Mr. Haki Fazliu, the Director of the House of Culture, hosted the event which included a tour of the roof works and performances by Tetovo music school students.



Chargé Thomas Navratil gives his remarks at the Closing Ceremony. /(LP)

[Responding to threats from Weapons of Mass Destruction](#)

Closing Ceremony: Weapons of Mass Destruction National Crisis Command Center Exercise

September 26, 2009

On September 26, Chargé d'Affairs Tom Navratil attended the Closing Ceremony of the "Weapons of Mass Destruction National Crisis Command Center Exercise" conducted by the Defense Threat Reduction Agency of the U.S. Department of Defense and Macedonia's Crisis Management Center. This exercise is an example of the strategic partnership between the United States and the Republic of Macedonia and illustrates the continued U.S. support for the people of Macedonia. The goal of this program was to enhance Macedonia's ability to deter, detect, investigate and respond to Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD). Since 2001 the U.S. Government has donated over 900,000 dollars worth of equipment to participating Macedonian agencies. Representatives from many Macedonian Ministries participated in the conference held from September 22 through 26, 2009.

♦ To read Chargé d'Affairs Tom Navratil remarks please, [click here](#).



Amb. [Philip T. Reeker](#)

[Reflecting on 10 years of Kapital](#)

Ambassador Philip T. Reeker interview with KAPITAL

September 17, 2009

Ambassador Reeker sat down with Kapital Magazine to discuss the current situation in Macedonia and reflect on his time in the country. He spoke about the need to continue reforms aimed at Euro Atlantic integration and how this will improve the business climate for both domestic and international investors.

♦ To see the text of the interview, please [click here](#).

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